

***City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts***

*February 24, 2015 meeting  
(postponed from February 17, 2015)  
Sherwood Center*

*Call to order: 7.10PM*

*Members Present: Jeff Seffens, Armistice Turtora, Carol Caputo, Sharon Chang, Alice Bredin-Karny, Laura Hills, Randy Lytton, Jason Scadron, Harry Wilbur, Jo Ormesher (City Liaison), Molly Grimsley,*

*Members Absent: John Flahive, Bob Hickey, Mary Lechter, Howard Rhile*

*The presentation by Brooke Hardin, Director of Community Development and Planning, has been postponed.*

***Minutes***

*The January minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.*

***Treasurer's Report***

*Jeff will remove the Virginia Commission on the Arts grant, as it does not currently exist. 1099s have been sent. The Treasurer's Report was presented and unanimously approved.*

***Old Business***

***Arts Achievement Awards***

*Jeff has spoken to John Flahive about booking performers for the event. Performing ensembles may include: Fairfax Saxophone Quartet, Legacy Brass, Alte Kameraden, Main Street Trombone Quartet and the Main Street Brass Quintet. Robert Pouliot has been asked to be the John Mason Arts Achievement Award recipient and has accepted. John suggested that the COA ask Roy Burgess to introduce him. Tom Hill may also be asked to speak. Laura Hills has agreed to play piano for the reception. Approximately 100 attendees are expected. Presentation will occur upstairs; reception downstairs.*

*Action: Jeff will talk to Mary, send out modified schedule, and, talk to Roy and Tom.*

***Public Art Guidelines***

*Randy has not heard when the Public Art Guidelines will be on the Council agenda..*

*Action: Jo will find out when it will be placed on the agenda.*

***Performance Series Poster***

*All changes on the poster have been completed. Jason presented an idea of working with De Clieu and ask if they would put the Performance Series or other COA information on the coffee shop's coffee huggies.*

*Action: Jo will mail posters to each COA member once printed.*

*Action: Harry will find last year's business distribution list.*

*Action: Jo will send Harry a list of downtown businesses who participated in the Chocolate Lover's Coupon book.*

#### *Fall for the Book*

*Jo presented COA's session proposal to the Fall for the Book board and they have agreed to support it. We need to find out when Kevin Donleavy is available to coordinate a session time; we'd like to book Sunday, 1PM at OTH.*

#### *Eagle Scout Library Project*

*Volunteers cleaned all of the shelves and books, which were very dirty. A number of books were in very bad condition and have been removed from the shelves. These books have been placed in boxes and will be moved to Green Acres where Randy has offered to go through them.*

*Eventually a discussion on how to dispose of them will begin. Jon Butram sent a nice letter thanking those who worked on the project. The COA thanked Carol for spearheading the project, and Carol and Randy thanked for all of their support. There will be a future discussion on how the COA wants to be involved with the library project.*

*Action: Jo and Randy will meet with Bob Sisson to discuss what to do with the rejected books, especially the ones in terrible condition.*

*Action: Jo and Randy will meet with Bob Sisson to discuss his views on the future of the library*

#### **New Business**

##### *Film Series*

*Laura and Harry have been researching the idea of a Fairfax City Film Festival. This event would increase the awareness of COA, support the strategic plan, and add film as an art. The tentative theme is 'Arts and Artists'. They envision films, speakers, discussions and educational programs. Jason asked if we were aiming for a film festival or series, as there is a significant difference*

#### **Updates**

*\* Jo received Fairfax County's Task Force report on the arts in which the City has been well represented.*

*\* The Black Box Theater is presenting **Doubt** in a space next to the gallery, during the weekends of March 7/8 and 14/15; Jo will confirm the dates.*

*\* The Village Gallery hopes that their renovation will be completed so they can open during the same time **Doubt** runs.*

#### **PRAB**

*Harry said PRAB has added a high school member to its board. PRAB wants to get involved in the Green Acres and Van Dyke Park studies. PRAB is working on the Old Lee Highway plan. The budget hearing for the Parks and Recreation department is on March 3.*

*Action: Jo will confirm the budget hearing date.*

**Art League**

*Carol said that the Village Gallery is planning on a March art show, and the OTH Gallery is doing very well.*

**City Band**

*Jeff said Main Street has a concert on Sunday, March 1. The Youth group concert was cancelled due to weather, and will not be rescheduled. The City Band has a concert March 28.*

**Member Time**

*Jo said the grand opening of Old Town Square is May 2 (9.30 or 10AM) with a Derby-Q event later in the day.*

*Harry and Randy motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9.19PM.*